

KENTUCKY KDE OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

702 KAR 1:001, Implementation Guidelines – Kentucky School Facilities Planning Manual

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 157.420, 157.620, 157.622, KRS 156.070

History/Background:

Existing Policy. 702 KAR 1:001, along with The Kentucky School Facilities Planning Manual and the Master Educational Facilities Plan Guidelines, which are incorporated by reference, was last modified in June 2004. This regulation sets forth a process that requires every school district in the state to prepare a Master Educational Facility Plan (MEFP) that contains an assessment of the school district's attributes and operations including the district profile, educational program, demographic information, facility conditions, transportation information, and finances (cost of delivery of services).

Local school districts are required to select a Local Planning Committee (LPC) to develop a MEFP and a District Facility Plan (DFP) outlining capital construction priorities. The LPC, by virtue of its makeup, encourages both community involvement and diversity of ideas. The LPC recommends an MEFP/DFP to the local board; the DFP submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is the final decision of the local board of education.

Information reviewed in developing the MEFP/DFP provides the LPC with a comprehensive view of program and facility needs required to provide an equitable and adequate educational opportunity. KDE staff validates the process and verifies that information has been provided to the LPC for evaluation.

The proposed DFP is recommended by the LPC and approved by the local board of education. KDE staff reviews the plan presented and notes that it is in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001 and that the required provisions of the regulation have been undertaken in compliance with the appropriate sections.

In 2006 the regulation and the procedures for the Division of Facilities Management, Planning Branch were reviewed extensively by a statewide Facilities Task Force. Recommendations made by this group have been reviewed by the Kentucky Board of Kentucky and many are to be implemented in the revisions proposed in this regulation.

Policy Issues/Options:

In lieu of the relatively minor changes incorporated in 2004, the changes proposed within the new document are much more extensive and respond to the recommendations of the Office of Education Accountability and the School Facilities Task Force. The proposed changes are listed in Attachment A and are bolded and underlined within Attachment B, The Kentucky School Facilities Planning Manual.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The proposed amended documents are being sent to representatives of the Kentucky School Facilities Task Force, Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA), Kentucky Association of School Superintendents (KASS), architects, engineers and the Kentucky School Plant Management Association (KSPMA) for input into the process. The Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC) will also be reviewing the proposed changes and input on their comments will be reported at the December meeting.

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